

state department allocated \$268,157.55 for trash barrel service, litter pick up and interstate emergency service. Only the portion devoted to litter pick up. This expense gives us some idea as to the cost per mile for litter pick up. \$368,000 plus, divided by 9,850 miles equals \$37.35 cents per mile which currently is set aside by the state to pick up litter, and an inadequate job is being done. Under LB 184 if you allow the leaving of \$859,000 to be available to the counties and the municipalities that would boil down to \$9.89 per mile at the most for the pick up of litter along their streets. It is costing the state over \$25 per mile and they are not able to do the job. Senator DeCamp wants to reduce that by 75% and say that you can do with less what you can not do with more. It is clear that LB 184 is a sham, and a hoax and not designed to fight litter at all, but if any bill in this body has been political, this is the one. This is the one that flies in the face of what the people have indicated that they would go for, since people have referred to polls earlier on various bills. Included in this farm report is some information from other states. A survey by the Department of Energy in the State of Washington where they have a clutter bill like this indicates that 88% of the people now prefer a deposit bill. That is up from 68% a few years ago. Now, the State of Washington has been bandied about by those who are in cahoots with the bottle and the can industry to show the ideal method of cleaning up litter. In the state where they have such a law in effect 88% of the people no longer want it. In Colorado, the citizens are gearing up to move to a deposit rather than a litter tax. That is all 184 is, is a tax bill. Arkansas enacted a litter tax and then repealed it in a Special Session of its Legislature. I don't say that what one state does necessarily should determine what this state does. But since those who are pushing 184 have gone to the testimony and record of other states, then they should continue to be saddled with what they have tried to put on the Legislature. Namely, the testimony from these other states. The Audubon Society Engrosses Association in Maine are working together to implement the 5% deposit law enacted there. Now, from these sources and others you all know that 184 is not a bill that is going to do anything to get rid of litter. By the way, going back to this Farm Bureau Federation paper I learned something. Let me read you a paragraph, Senator DeCamp, this should interest you. "Those who would encourage littering by enacting a tax will find little patience among livestock producers. Cattlemen are painfully aware of the unthriftiness and death loss which results from the so called hardware disease of cattle. This is caused by the animal ingesting metal or glass objects. Cans and bottles thrown in hay fields pass through the modern agricultural hay swathing and forge chopping in harvesting machines. It goes into the feed wagons or trucks. If detected the load is of no use. If not the debris often goes unobserved by the livestockmen into feed bunks resulting in livestock losses. It is no wonder that farmers and ranchers want container refund legislation which will give strong impetus to preventing disposal of bottles and cans in fields and ditches and provide an incentive or reward for picking up the litter. In LB 184 type tax will do nothing but assure and perpetuate disposal of cans